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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated November 21, 2002 in the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph starting on line 3 with the following:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/605,323, filed February 14, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,728,143, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/515,379, filed August 15, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,683,384, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/290,031, filed August 12, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,536,267 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/148,439, filed November 8, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,458,597, each of which are incorporated herein by reference.

On page 5, please replace the paragraph starting on line 1 with the following:

In various embodiments, the apparatus can include each of the antennas coupled to the electromagnetic energy source, only one antenna coupled to the electromagnetic energy source, or more than one antenna coupled to the electromagnetic energy source.